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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 7 9 10

Part B for June 1914

Subject

The question whether the water works Shimoga is to be managed by the P.W.D. or by the Municipality

Slg from the Deputy Com.r Shimoga Dist no 26 dt 30/4/14.

In view of the rise in the maintenance charges of the Shimoga Water works from Rs 3500/- originally estimated to Rs 10354 during the current year, he recommends that (1) the amount required during the current year in excess of the budget provision of Rs 6861 may be transferred from the State Revenues as a grant (2) from the next year the work is to be managed as a P.W.D. Concern

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the municipal council being asked to pay a deficit sum to be found (by) (1) or (2) the water works may be handed over to the management of the municipal Council tentatively for one year from 1/7/14

Sdg To the Deputy Comm. Shimoga Dist. no. 12669 dt 13/6/14 Requesting that the provision in the budget and the additional grant sanctioned in Rs. 112-13-8 may be at once transferred to the Pwd budget and returns the estimates

SC to the chief Engineer, Dy Comm Comptroller of Accts Pwd Branch no 12670-38 13/6/14

Directs that the management of the Shimoga water works may be handed over to the Shimoga municipal Council for a period of three years and requests the chief Engineer to make proper arrangements for inspection by the Pwd officers and for rendering reasonable assistance

Yours
19/6/14

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NOTES

File No 112

FILE HEADING.

Maintenance charges of the Shimoga Water Works

From

The Deputy Commr Shimoga &c—

No. 26 Dated 30 4 14 Received 4-5-14

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

In view of the wide margin between maintenance charges of the Shimoga Water Works from Rs 3500 originally estimated to Rs 10354 during the current year, recommends that

(1) the amount required during the current year in excess of the budget provision of Rs 6861, may be sanctioned from the State revenues as a grant

(2) from the next year the work to be managed as a D P W Concern, the Municipal being asked to pay a definite

NOTES AND ORDERS

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Issues to be fixed by Govt

or (2) the Water Works may be handed over to the management of the Mal Council tentatively for one year from the 1st July 1914

10354
- 6861
3493
135 / annum
Rs 4844

2) Proposal I The state grant asked for comes to Rs 4844 or Rs 5000 nearly

Proposal II The recommendation is analogous to the system in force in the Bangalore & Mysore cities & if sanctioned the accounting orders in G.O. No. 8724-8 Mal 25-1-(2)-6 & 23rd March 1914 may be adopted

Proposal III The Deputy Commr himself is not in favour of this proposal

3) The file may be referred confidentially to the Chief Engineer for favour of opinion

4) If approved the provision in the current years budget may be ordered to be transferred to the P W D towards the estimated cost, with a view to avoid a lapse of it

5 Submitted for orders.

Submitted for orders

x An additional grant of this amount has been sanctioned from the reserve funds of the Municipality vide G.O. No. 1744 Mal 25-1-(2)-6 & 23rd March 1914

Rs 3493 or Rs 3500 this year

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Dr Lee 4/6. Please note on the following

Pon 22/5

Rs 23/5

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points:- (1) what was the amount of maintenance charges estimated at the outset of the scheme. (2) what was the amount promised by the municipality towards this at the very beginning (3) How much do govt contribute towards maintenance charges annually. (4) Is there any specific understanding that the municipality should pay the excess of maintenance charges (over the ordinary maintenance charges) should they go on rising

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7 Submitted

The project was sanctioned in the P W Secretariat & so details information is not available in this office

8 The project was completed during 10-11 at a cost of Rs 69299 (& the opening ceremony took place on 29 8 10)

(1) The amount of maintenance charges originally estimated & probably agreed to by the Mun Cl was Rs 3500 a year

(3&4) Govt do not contribute anything & there does not appear to be any understanding of the kind

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9	ex endture incurred on a/c of maintenance works during 11-12 & 12-13 was 1911-12 — Rs 5292 1912-13 — 6273 + 1351 = Rs 7624

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10) (1) The offr of Govt proposes that the work may be managed as a PWD concern the municipality paying a fixed sum
(2) If this is not approved, the water works may be handed over to the management of the Municipal Council tentatively for a year
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11) Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for his remarks on the above mentioned proposals
By order
26/5/14
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No 2448 27-5-14

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41/P W D.
29th May 1914

Of the two alternative proposals made by the Deputy Commissioner, I would recommend the second i.e., that the management of the water works should be handed over to the Municipality tentatively. As regards the period, I would suggest 3 years, as one year is not sufficient to give a fair idea as to how far the Municipality is capable of managing the business.

13 The first proposal involves financial liability on Government, which it is not advisable to undertake in all cases as a rule, simply because it has been done in one or two special cases.

J. Thomas
For Offg. Chief Engineer of Mysore

Bangalore,
2nd June 1914

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14) Submit for orders. If approved interim orders may issue with regard to the charges this year, as suggested in para 4 supra

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15) 1. Return the Estimate to D.C. for Countersignature & return of P to D.
2 Draft—as per cover Superintendent
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16) Two drafts submitted in the draft order (relating to the Transfer to the Rel Council of the management of Water Works) the conditions set forth in the order of the Chamber Water Works, have been adopted

Rel 199-13)-2
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17) Drafts may be approved
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Order of

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9	21) To Dep'y Com'r Shimoga No. 12669/13 6 14 Requests him that the provisions in the budget & the amount granted in Ind 112-13) - & may be at once transferred to the N'W budget and returns the estimates
10	22) To Chief Engr Dy Com'r Engr Asst W Supply / No. 12670 & 3 & 13 6 14 Directs that the management of the Shimoga water works may be handed over to the Shimoga Mul Comm'n for a period of 3 years and requests the Chief Engineer to make proper arrangements for inspection by P.W.D. officers & rendering necessary assistance

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No. 26 and 3 Estimates 1 copy

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

Dated Shimoga the 30th April 1914.

From

K. Matthan, Esquire, B.A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

D.M.Narasinga Rao, Esquire, B.A.B.L.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of H.H.The Maharaja
of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government the following matters with reference to the question of maintenance charges of the Shimoga Water Works.

2. When the works were originally started, it was estimated that the maintenance cost (exclusive of depreciation charges) would amount to Rs 3500/- a year Vide para 3 of Mr Chandrasekhara Iyer's letter No.1338/M.L.85-08-17 dated 6th August 1909 and Government Proceedings No.5817-8/M L.85-08-22 dated 11th January 1910.

3. In the year 1911-12, the estimate (exclusive of depreciation charges) was as follows -

Actual cost	Rs 4684
Establishment & tools and plant.	843
Total	5527.

4. For the year 1912-13, the sanctioned estimate was as follows:-

Actual cost	...	...	...	Rs 5316
Establishment etc.	...	...	...	957
			Total	6273.

5. The Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Stores Division with his letter No.2454 dated 30th September 1913 sent a statement showing an excess expenditure of Rs 1351/- over the sanctioned estimate during the year 1912-13, and requested that the Comptroller be asked to accept the excess debit. The question was considered by the Council and eventually it was resolved that the expenditure having been actually incurred, it may be passed and a communication to the effect has been addressed to you, Vide this office letter No.225 dated 13th March 1914. This sum is exclusive of charges on account of establishment and tools and plant, and the real excess will thus be Rs 1594 and the total cost for the year will be Rs 7867

6. The Executive Engineer, Water ~~Works~~ supply and Stores Division, also sent with his No.2387 dated 22/23rd September 1913 his maintenance estimate for the current year, which is as follows:-

Actual cost.	...		.	Rs 6634
Establishment etc.	...	...	. .	1194
			Total	7828

7. A Sub-Committee of the Municipal Council having been appointed to consider the question of improving the water supply to the town, this maintenance ~~establishment~~ estimate was also referred to that body. The Sub-Committe was of opinion that the estimate was capable of reduction for the reasons set forth in the accompanying copy of a letter from Mr.C.R. Valentine, Superintendent of the Workington Iron and Steel Company Limited., Shimoga, who is a Muncipal Councillor and a Member of the Sub-Committee The Municipal Council thereupon requested the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Stores Division, to revise the estimate. That officer in his letter No 416 dated 3rd April 1914 replied that the estimate could not be reduced and that on the other hand a sum of Rs 2427 over and above the original estimate had to be provided by the Council on account of repairs ~~and~~ etc , With his letter No 465 dated 18th April 1914, he has sent a third estimate for Rs 99 " to be treated as supplemental to the annual maintenance estimate" In his letter No 478 dated 22nd April, the Executive Engineer has traversed all the points raised in Mr Valentine's letter and expressed disagreement with him in every particular

8. Thus the total amount to be debited to the Municipality for the maintenance of the water works for the current year is Rs 10,354. If to this is added the excess of Rs 1594 for the last year the total disbursements of the Municipality under this head during the year will be seen to be Rs 11,948 This amount does not include repayment of loan or depreciation charges.

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9. As the year is far advanced and the Public Works Department is pressing for the early return of the estimates duly countersigned, I have thought it best to address Government

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in the matter without waiting to place the subject again before a meeting of the Council. What the Council thinks about the matter is sufficenlty well known. The Council strongly feels that the charges are high and in excess of what the town should be reasonably expected to pay for the not very satisfactory supply provided.

10. In my opinion the income of this municipality is not sufficient to meet such a heavy charge on account of water supply, especially in view of the fact that the supply at present is very defective and in-sufficient. The conditions of the municipality, its resources, and its needs are well known to the Government and I believe it will be conceded that to meet such a heavy charge every year is beyond the powers of the municipality The municipality had been given to understand that the cost would be Rs 3500/- a year, but it has now to come more than twice or rather nearly thrice this amount. The amount provided in the current year's sanctioned budget on account of this is Rs 6861 In these circumstances, I very earnestly request that the excess of expenditure over the sanctioned budget provisions may be given as a grant from the Government I believe, the municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore are treated in this manner and I recommend that the same generous treatment may be accorded to this town

11. When this subject came up before the Council at its last meeting the following resolution was adopted -

" That the Government be moved to transfer the management of the Water Works as a tentative measure for one year from 1st July 1914 to the Shimoga Municipal Council on the understanding that the water supply department of Government will continue to render all necessary advice and assistance , and that in case this is sanctioned by Government the management

be entrusted to an Executive Sub-Committee consisting of:-

1. The Vice President .
2. The Executive Engineer,
3. Mr. Valantine.
4. " Bhima Rao.
5. " Moore. (Mr. Moore is not a member of the Council but he is an expert Engineer and the Councillors present unanimously agree to his appointment to the Sub-Committee)"

12. The reasons for adopting this resolution are as follows -

(1). This will secure a saving of the Establishment and tools and plant charges now levied by the Water Supply Department at 18 % of the actual cost which comes to a very considerable sum

(2). The Executive Engineer Water Supply and Stores Division (Mr. K Srinivasaiengar) has assured the Council that even if the management of the works is taken over by the Council, the advice and assistance of the Water Supply Department will always be available to the Council as at present

(3). The Council believes it can effect certain small savings if the works are managed locally as for instance, in regard to the price of fire-wood

13. In regard to this resolution, as well as in regard to the representation made above that the maintenance charges now become very excessive, I beg permission to disclaim any idea of criticising the management and supervision of the works

works by the Officers of the Water Supply Department. On the other hand, I may be permitted to say, that the Executive Engineer and his assistants have shown themselves to be ever anxious to safe-guard the interests of the town water supply and have often executed the necessary works under great difficulties and at great pressure. The great increase in the maintenance charges is doubtless mainly attributable to the price at which the Department can procure fire wood having gone up to a very high figure and also the urgent repairs that were found necessary owing to the only pump provided for the existing system having become disabled

14. I may also be permitted to say that, as the chief Executive Officer of the Municipality, I feel considerable diffidence in recommending the adoption of the proposal of the Council to transfer the management of the works to the Council itself. Personally I would prefer an arrangement under which the water works would be managed by the Water Supply Department itself and the Municipal Council would be required to pay an ammunt fixed once for all with reference to the actual working charges and the resources of the Municipality (say Rs 5000 in addition to depreciation charges Rs 1300). Of course when the water supply is improved the maintenance and depreciation charges would be suitably raised This I believe is what is being done in the Bangalore and ysore Cities and the system may, with advantage, be adopted here also.

15. If the Government is not in favor of this, the alternative proposed by the Council may be adopted tentatively for one year from the 1st July 1914. The Executive Sub-Committee proposed for the management of the works consists among others of the Executive Engineer, Mr Valantine,(Superintendent of the Workington Iron and Steel Company Limited,Shimoga) and Mr. Moore,the Engineer of that Company With such a strong

Committee the management should be efficient and satisfactory and it is understood that the advice and assistance of the Water Supply Department will be available. Further, until the duplicate plant is put up, the water supply Department will no doubt be agreeable to keep on here the small spare pump to be used in case of emergencies.

16. The proposals that I have made above may be summarised as follows:-

1. In regard to the maintenance charges for the current year the Municipal Council to pay Rs 6861, the excess above this being met by a grant from the Government.

2. From the next year the work to be managed as a Public Works Department concerned, the Municipal Council being asked to pay a definite sum to be fixed by the Government.

3. If this is not approved by Government, the Water works may be handed over to the management of the Municipal Council tentatively for one year from the 1st July 1914

17. I request that the early orders of Government may be kindly obtained on the subject

18. The three estimates received from the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Stores Division and referred to in para 6 are herewith submitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Offg. Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga Dist.

S.H.P.

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Enc to mel 112-13/807

Copy of letter dated 24th December 1913 from Mr. Valentine, Municipal Councillor, Shimoga to the President, Shimoga Municipality.

On the 22nd instant I paid a visit to the Shimoga Water Works to see for myself the actual working of the plant. I found that one single cylinder worthington pump was in operation, I was informed by the Chief Operator that the amount of fuel consumed in 12 hours was 2 tons which works out to 3 1/3 cwts. per hour. I was also shown a compound pump that was under reapirs this I am told uses 30 cwts of fuel per 12 hour day or 2½ cwts per hour why this difference in consumption of fuel occurs I cannot see The difference in size of cylander ought not to make the difference in consumption of fuel seeing that the single cylinder pump could be worked with 25lb head of steam I also noticed that the fire-man was jamming in fuel when it was not necessary, the result being they destroyed and forced to the fire bars all the charcoal resulting from previous firing (and the charcoal resulting from same has greater heating powers than freshly ignited fuel and in my opinion this charcoal was not worked to its full value, during the 30 minutes I was inspecting the plant the steam pressure rose from 40 to 46 lbs per square inch why good valuable fuel should be wasted in this manner I cannot see especially when only 25 lbs per square inch is necessary to drive the present pump; with regard to present price of fuel I am of the opinion that Rs 6-8-0 per ton is far too high a price to pay especially as a large proportion is termed green wood (I am quoting the Operator's remarks regarding green wood and difficulty in firing) I should say Rs 5-6-0 per ton was sufficient to pay for good fire-wood with a penalty of Rs 1-6-0 per ton for green wood Regardi staff, I am also of the opinion that the plant is over staffed- On operator with assistant and one odd cooly about the place ought to

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be ample for this work. I noticed no details are given in the yearly cost sheet with respect to repairs etc., this I think ought to be asked for as lumpsum items are misleading. The 1913-14 estimate I find exceeds actual of last year by a large amount due in the main to extra cost or increase of fuel. This I am certain requires looking into Also I think possible for a sale to be fixed up with th respect to the wood ash refuse, however this is a matter for enquiry On the whole I am of the firm opinion that a large saving could be effected (in fuel at least) by careful working of of this plant. How much the saving will be can only be ascertained by a practical test. I sincerely hope that I have made the various points clear as I can assure you over this matter requires looking into

Your most obedient servant,
Sd/- C.R. Valentine
Muncipal Council

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" C O P Y "

S Richardson
for 0869 Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District

Water supply maintenance charges 10

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Deputy Commr

Shimoga dist

Date of issue 13 6 14.

Signed by Asst V Ramanathan

Sir

With reference to

your letter No. 26 dated

the 30th April 1914 requesting

among other things, ~~for~~ Sanction

of a grant from the State

Revenues to meet the

~~Expenses~~ charge on account

of the maintenance of

the Shimoga Water Works,

over

paper sent for disposal

SUBJECT

~~excess of~~ the provision made therefor in the current year's ~~budget~~ of the Shimoga Dist Council, I am directed to request that the provision referred to above together with the additional grant sanctioned in Govt No. 11314-5th dated the 12th May 1914 (Fin 112-13)-8 may be arranged to be at once transferred to the P.W. budget so that the provisions may not lapse. The extra amount would also be met from the Imperial funds.

(will be recorded & returned)

2. The estimates relating to the same are herewith returned for countersignature & return to the P.W.D. together with the three separate orders passed on the above proposals after full consideration of the merits.

List of enclosures,

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
(Secl.)

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paper under
Date of issue 13.6.14 disposal

Signed by Mra V Ramanathan

READ—

Letter No 26 dated the 30th April 1914 from the Deputy Commissioner Shimoga dist submitting ~~for orders~~ ~~ORDER THEREON—No~~ the following proposals in the matter of the maintenance of the Shimoga Water Works

(1) That the expenditure

over

SUBJECT

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during the current year
in excess of the provision
made therefor in the
budget of the Shimoga
Municipality be met by a
grant from Govt

(2) That from the next year
the W Wks should be managed
as a P W D concern the
Mun. Council paying
a definite sum to be
fixed by Govt.

or (3) the Water W Wks may
be handed over to the
management of the Mun.
Council tentatively for
one year from the 1st
July 1914

Order thereon

No 12670-3 Miscl 13 9/13/14

In the proposals 1 & 2
involve financial liability

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*)

Govt which it is considered reasonable to undertake. Govt direct that the management of the Water Works at Shimoga be handed over to the Municipal Council tentatively for a period of three years from 1st July 1914, the period of the proposal being too short to judge the results

2. The Chief Engineer is requested to depute at the end of each year the Ex Engineer Water Supply & Sewerage Division to inspect the Water Works pumping machinery and submit a report on their condition

3 The Ex Engr should readily render all reasonable assistance to

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to the Municipal Council in
the maintenance of
Water Works whenever required
by the Council

4. The Municipal Council
should be informed that
the charge of the Water
Works is liable to be resumed
if Government find that the
Works are allowed to deteriorate.

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To the Secy to Govt
of Madras
Public Works Dept
Fort St George